

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 150

MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 1992

- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:
Social Security Act—Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1991-92.
- 4 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—STATE OF THE ECONOMY:** The House was informed that Mr Reith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The persistent failure of the Government to give the Australian public a full and realistic assessment of the state of the economy as evidenced by yesterday's pressure on the Industry Minister to withdraw his statement that he lacked confidence that the growth figures in the Budget forecasts will be attained".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Reith addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 5 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
8 October 1992—Message—
No. 521—National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Amendment 1992.
No. 522—Norfolk Island (Electoral and Judicial) Amendment 1992.
No. 523—Honey Legislation (Repeal and Amendment) 1992.
No. 524—Oilseeds Levy Amendment 1992 (*without requests*).
No. 525—Grain Legumes Levy Amendment 1992 (*without requests*).
No. 526—Loan 1992.
No. 527—Supply (No. 3) 1992-93 (*without requests*).
No. 528—Supply (No. 4) 1992-93.
No. 532—Occupational Superannuation Standards Regulations Application 1992.
- 6 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PARLIAMENTARY PRESIDING OFFICERS AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Message No. 529, dated 8 October 1992, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Parliamentary Presiding Officers Act 1965' in relation to the Deputy Presiding Officer of each House of the Parliament*".
Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Message No. 531, dated 8 October 1992, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the Australian Industry Development Corporation Act 1970, and for related purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AMENDMENT (AUTONOMY) BILL 1992: Message No. 530, dated 8 October 1992, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to provide for the autonomy of the Australian National University*”.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

9 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1992-93: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 3—

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment and Territories, \$705 897 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs, \$398 611 000—debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Clause 3, page 1, last line, omit “14 721 400 000”, substitute “14 761 400 000”.

Schedule 1—

Page 11, omit “105 000 000”, substitute “65 000 000”.

Page 11, omit “14 721 400 000”, substitute “14 761 400 000”.

Remainder of Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mrs Sullivan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Willis (Minister for Finance), by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1992-93: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Willis (Minister for Finance), by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Clause 3, page 1, last line, omit “6 395 135 000”, substitute “6 355 135 000”.

Schedule 1—

Page 5, omit “65 000 000”, substitute “105 000 000”.

Page 5, omit “6 395 135 000”, substitute “6 355 135 000”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Truss reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Willis, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1992-93:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Willis (Minister for Finance), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 **AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INDUSTRY, TECHNOLOGY AND COMMERCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Message No. 533, dated 8 October 1992, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend various Acts relating to matters dealt with by the Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce, and for related purposes*”.
Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 **NATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 **ARTS, ENVIRONMENT AND TERRITORIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Johns (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Johns (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.20 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 12 October 1992:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to the extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

Defence Act—Determination under section 58B—1992 Nos. 48, 51.

Disability Services Act—Determination—1992 No. DSA 1.

Migration Act—Statements (6) pursuant to subsection 115(5).

Public Service Act—Determinations—1992 Nos. 174, 256, 275, 277, 279, LES 28, LES 29, LES 30.

Social Security Act 1991—Determination—1992 Instrument No. 46.

Telecommunications Act 1991—

Code of Practice—No. ICP 1/1992.

Direction No. ICPD 1/1992.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Broadbent, Mr Cameron*, Dr Charlesworth, Mr Fife, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mrs Gallus, Mr Gear, Mr Goodluck, Mr Howard, Mr Howe, Mr Jones, Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Punch, Dr Theophanous, Mr Tickner and Mr Tuckey.

* On leave

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives